

Millions Are Expended Toward Shell Oil Research Laboratories

Expansion of Shell's research laboratories at Emeryville, Calif., involving a capital expenditure of more than \$3,500,000 was announced recently by A. E. Lacombe, president of Shell Development Company. Construction will begin this spring and continue over a two-year period. The undertaking includes construction of three major new buildings and extensive remodeling of present facilities. It will permit an increase in personnel from about 600 before the war to an expected 1200 by the time the new building program is completed.

Shell leaders view their expansion undertaking as a long-term investment in the continued technical progress of American industry.

"Our building program is another step to insure that the Shell organization will always be a leader in the quality of products sold, in the development of new products, and in the improvement of manufacturing methods," Lacombe said.

Shell's research organization was established in 1928 with a staff of 35. In less than 20 years it has grown into the largest research activity in the West.

Allison and Ribbe, Los Angeles, are the architects on the Shell modernization job. Their plans provide for workers to enjoy every bit of comfort and freedom possible in modern industrial design. Features for employees include an auditorium, a sound-proofed cafeteria, a snack bar, three change rooms with individual lockers, ladies' lounge, first-aid rooms and spacious parking areas.

Observance Of Army Day Is Scheduled

To stimulate and maintain the public interest in the impressive need for National Defense as a means to maintain peace, Army Day, founded in 1920 by the Military Order of World Wars, will be celebrated Saturday, April 6, 1946, according to Capt. F. J. Bueckley, chairman of the executive committee. The observance which will reach its peak with a banquet at the Biltmore that night, is also to encourage friendly attitude towards the military, including Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, and to impress upon present and former personnel of the Armed forces importance of maintaining their leadership and activity in peacetime as well as in wartime, and to encourage the association in a joint meeting at least once a year of all veteran organizations in Southern California.

Col. A. J. Copp, Jr. is vice chairman of the executive committee, and other committee chairmen include Sheriff E. W. Biscailuz, safety and security; Justice Marshall McComb, participating groups; Lt. Col. L. C. Bryant, exhibitions; Major P. M. Anderson, programs; Col. R. S. Younglove, special guests; Major R. Diney, tickets; Col. C. Henderson, entertainment; Lt. Col. Harry Hammond Beall, public relations committee.

CHICAGO

In 1840 Chicago was an insignificant trading post of 4,449 inhabitants. Between 1840 and 1850 its population increased 87.5 percent.



BEST IN 1945—In left panel, Joan Crawford of the screen smiles happily as she receives her Oscar, after being named best film actress of 1945, for her performance in "Mildred Pierce." She was ill with influenza and could not attend Academy Awards presentation at Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood. Right, Ray Milland, with his Oscar, adjudged best actor of 1945 for his performance in "The Lost Weekend."

Pleurisy Is Topic Of Health Officer

H. O. Swartout, M. D., Dr. F. H. Los Angeles County Health Officer.

A person with pleurisy needs good nursing. The following are some of the points to remember in caring for such a person at home:

1. Keep the patient warm.
2. Give the patient a hot foot bath and hot packs to the painful side of the chest. The packs should be large, thick, and hot, and be changed frequently. Use about five changes, and do not follow with any cold application. Use a hot water bottle on the chest following the packs. It may be kept on nearly all the time without harm. If the patient's chest is chilled at all during or after the treatment, it will make the pleurisy worse instead of better.
3. Do not jar the patient. Move him and, treat him very gently. Jars and quick motions make the pleurisy worse and cause much increase in pain.
4. Give the patient a table spoon of Epsom salts every day, unless it causes weakness.
5. The diet should be nutritious, but do not give a large amount of water or other fluids.
6. If fluid collects in the chest, a physician may need to remove it by tapping. It is a good idea to have a physician see the patient at least as often as every

Torrance Brass Foundry Merits Commendation

The Torrance Brass Foundry have just received from the United States Treasury Department a citation for patriotic cooperation rendered in behalf of the War Finance Program having reached their goals in each of the seven War Loan Drives and the Victory Loan Drive.

A letter signed by Fred H. Vinson, Secretary of the Treasury,

in part as follows: "To honor the large number of citizens who contributed their services in the sale of World War II Securities the Treasury has issued a permanent Metal Citation, one of which you will find enclosed. It is known as the War Finance Committee Award, and we take great pleasure in presenting it to your employer, Vivian Cook, who had a serious part in making the war financing successful."

"Fred M. Vinson, Secretary of the Treasury," few days, because the collection of fluid in the chest and other important developments may occur without anybody but a person with medical training and experience being able to detect the true situation.

First Postwar Civil Service Exams Slated

Civil Service announces first post war examination for probational appointments. Stenographers and typists now have the opportunity to qualify for probational Civil Service appointments and a classified status, the Civil Service Commission announced today.

The first postwar examination leading to probational appointments for stenographers and typists has been announced concurrently by the Central Office and all the Regional Offices of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. Persons living in the Twelfth Civil Service Region (California, Arizona and Nevada) may apply for appointment to the positions within this region or in Washington, D. C. In either case, they should file their applications with the office of the Director of the Twelfth U. S. Civil Service Region.

Federal employees serving in any grade of stenographic or typist positions who desire but do not now have permanent Civil Service appointment are urged to apply for this examination. Those who attain eligibility and who meet the conditions for classification in their present positions may have their non-statute appointments converted to appointments with Civil Service status, without change of grade or salary.

No specific experience or education is required, but applicants must take a written examination which includes a general test as well as a test of their typing and shorthand ability. Stenographers are expected to take dictation at the rate of 96 words a minute.

Entrances salaries of \$1500 for stenographers and \$1200 for typists will be paid the majority of new employees appointed through this examination. A few appointments may be made at higher salaries.

Age requirements are waived for applicants entitled to veteran preference, and, under certain conditions, for War Service Indefinite employees. Other applicants must have reached the age of 18 and must not have passed the age of 62. Further information on the examination and the necessary card for applying may be obtained from the Commission's Local Secretary, Herbert G. Stullenburger, located at Torrance Post Office,

New PTA Group Added To Tenth District Here

Addition of a new elementary association to the Tenth District California Congress of Parents and Teachers earlier this month, was announced by officials of the 10th District P.T.A.

The newest group, situated in the housing project area with 28 charter members enrolled, will be known as the Western Terrace P.T.A., and is a unit of the Lomita-San Pedro Council.

Heading the group is Mrs. Chester A. Gauthier, president. The organization meeting was attended by Mrs. Edward W. Raith, district president; Mrs. J. L. Kierstead, district parliamentarian; Mrs. R. V. Hauser, district elementary service chairman; and Mrs. John Garner, president of the Lomita-San Pedro Council.

Girl Who Kissed And Lost Control Sentenced Here

Dorothy Henry, 22-year-old Compton lass, who ran afoul of the local police here last Dec. 23 when the car in which she was driving climbed over a curb and came to rest on top of a fire plug, and who explained to police, "I only turned my head for a moment to kiss my boy friend and the next thing I knew the car was out of control," was sentenced to eight days in the county jail for violating her written promise to appear on a "no operators license" charge.

Miss Henry, City Judge John Shidler explained, not only failed to appear on the traffic charge but refused to make any effort to secure an operator's license. He said that although she was able to pay the fine she preferred to serve the time.

or from the Twelfth U. S. Civil Service Regional Office, Room 129 Appraisers Building, 630 Sansome st., San Francisco 11, California. Applications must be received in the Twelfth U. S. Civil Service Regional Office in San Francisco not later than March 26, 1946.

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Candidate for City Treasurer Has Long Training in Financial and Administrative Life of City

Tom F. McGuire, candidate for City Treasurer at the April 9 municipal election, was elected to the Torrance City Council in 1936 and was given the chairmanship of the City's Finance Committee.

During the succeeding eight years the City was completely removed from debt, all bond issues having been cleared. At the present time, the only outstanding indebtedness is the Torrance Municipal Water District and the Municipal Buildings bonds.

Torrance is in reconversion at the present time, and on the verge of a business boom unequalled in the Southland's history. This means refinancing in municipal affairs, too.

Elect a man who understands the City's finances and is able to advise with the City Council to take advantage of these many opportunities.

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